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Deployment of Coastal Defense
Battalions from Pulaj to
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1. Three u/i battalions, which are probably under the command of Soviet officers, have been activated for the defense of the Albanian coastal area. They are deployed as follows: One battalion in the Pulaj-Durres area, a second battalion in the area beginning south of Durres to Vlone, and a third battalion in the Vlone-Sarande area.
2. Each battalion consists of the following units:
 - a. One communications platoon.
 - b. Three rifle companies; each company is equipped with 9 submachine guns.
 - c. One heavy weapons company equipped with 12 heavy machine guns.
 - d. One battery of 40mm. artillery pieces which can probably be used as antiaircraft pieces.
 - e. One section with a four-tube rocket launcher.
 - f. An undetermined number of bazookas with a 500 meter effective range. It is believed that each company has 12 bazookas i.e. three sections with four bazookas each.
3. An u/i company is located on the Island of Saseno where an undetermined number of artillery pieces have recently been received. The defenses of this island are under the direct command of Soviet officers.

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